BDCP Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, September 8, 2006 9:00 to 10:30 Draft Meeting Summary and Action Items

1. Introductions

See attached list for meeting attendees.

2. Updates

 The Planning Agreement is still undergoing Department of Interior legal review, which will occur concurrently with the public comment period.

3. Final Planning Agreement Discussion

- The Steering Committee approved the Planning Agreement, with several minor modifications. The updated Planning Agreement will be sent out with these revisions for public comment and board approvals.
- The Planning Agreement is still considered draft pending public review. DFG will distribute the Notice of Availability on Monday, September 11, 2006, which officially begins the 21 day public comment period. The Planning Agreement will be posted on DFG's website, as well as on CALFED's site and on various email listservs.
- Any comments on DFG's NOA should be provided to Scott Cantrell by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006.
- Public comments will be reviewed and discussed at the October 6 Steering Committee meeting.

4. Request for Qualifications

- The draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Request for Qualifications, with Zone 7 as the contracting agency, was distributed for review. The RFQ is not seeking formal proposals, but rather is opening the door to determine experience and interest only. This is meant to provide the flexibility to find the most qualified consultant or consultant team. The RFQ is intended to mirror the Planning Agreement.
- The workplan and budget subcommittee will be resurrected to manage the RFQ process.
- Any comments should be sent to Laura King Moon by 10:00 on Monday, September 11, 2006.
- The RFQ will be distributed on Monday, September 11, with a link to the Planning Agreement provided on DFG's website. Inform Laura King Moon if there is a specific consultant that you would like to ensure receives the RFQ.

5. Organizational Matters

Org Chart

A draft BDCP development organizational chart was distributed. The org chart sets the Steering Committee's intention. The PRE's plan to draft the BDCP based on this chart.

BDPAC

The BDPAC will be discussing how the BDCP relates to the Delta Strategic Plan at its meeting next Wednesday, September 13. The BDCP and the Delta Strategic Plan must be coordinated to ensure that the science and scenarios for each are consistent. The preliminary plan for coordination between the BDCP and Strategic Plan will be based on the three S:

- o Regular schedule check-ins
- o Delta Vision scenarios
- Science
- NOAA is aiming to have its draft recovery plan ready for public review by June 2007, and finalized by the end of 2007.
- The September 13 BDPAC meeting will discuss the Delta Strategic Plan, including how it relates to the BDCP.
- The USFS is revising its Delta Native Fishes Plan.
- There will be a one-day POD session on October 24.

6. Other/Public Comments

PCL representative commented on the current draft Planning Agreement.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Topics of this meeting will include presentations on CALFED science, DRERIP, the POD, and the ISB and how they relate to the Delta Strategic Plan. Other briefings will be considered if necessary.

Action Items

- Any comments on DFG's NOA should be provided to Scott Cantrell by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006.
- Any comments or typos on the draft RFQ should be sent to Laura King Moon by 10:00 on Monday, September 11, 2006.
- Inform Laura King Moon if there is a specific consultant that you would like to ensure receives the RFQ.

Handouts

- Draft Planning Agreement Dated August 29, 2006
- RFQ
- Org Chart
- DFG NOA